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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0802

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 37676, (B) SINGAPORE 0771

1. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SEOW INFORMED EMBOFF TODAY (FEB 18) THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD NOW CONCURRED IN HIS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FULL MILITARY HONORS BE RENDERED VP ON ARRIVAL AND AT DEPARTURE AND THAT USE OF THE ISTANA VILLA AND LODGE BE TENDERED. SEOW FEELS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PM LEE.

2. SEOW AGAIN REQUESTED THAT VP ADHERE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE CALLING FOR 11:00 A.M. DEPARTURE ON MARCH 29. WHEN EMBOFF REPLIED THAT LATEST POSSIBLE DEPARTURE PROBABLY 10:30 A.M., SEOW EXPLAINED, AT EMBOFF'S REQUEST, THAT TIMING OF VP'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE IMPORTANT TO GOS BECAUSE OF PM LEE'S WORK HALITS. ACCORDING TO SEOW, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING CANDIDLY AND IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, PM LEE NORMALLY WORKS UNTIL VERY LATE AT NIGHT AND USUALLY DOESN'T APPEAR IN OFFICE UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE NOON. HENCE, THE GOS REQUEST THAT THE VP'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES BE SYNCHRONIZED IN ORDER TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE THE PM'S USUAL ROUTINE.

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT. GOS REQUESTS RE TIMING OF VP'S ARRIVAL AND

DEPARTURE EVIDENTLY DUE TO DESIRE RENDER APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES
IN WHICH PM LEE WOULD PARTICIPATE AND TO WISH NOT TO INCONVENIENCE
PM. IN VIEW FOREGOING, BELIEVE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO GOS DESIRES RE
TIMING. IT APPEARS POSSIBLE
THAT GOS WOULD GO AHEAD WITH PRESENT PLANS EVEN IF WE UNABLE TO
ACCEDE TO REQUESTS, BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE IS GREAT RELUCTANCE TO
SCHEDULING SUCH EVENTS PRIOR TO LATE MORNING. PLEASE ADVISE
ASAP. END COMMENT.

4. SEOW SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT PM
LEE GIVE STATE BANQUET FOR VP. IF RECOMMENDATION ACCEPTED, WIVES WOULD

BE INCLUDED AND INVITATION EXTENDED TO MISS MURPHY.

5. DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR SCENARIO EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOW:

VICE PRESIDENT MRS. ROCKEFELLER

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

ARRIVAL BUSINESS SUIT STREET DRESS

BRIEFING SHIRT & TIE

LUNCHEON SHIRT & TIE STREET DRESS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

RECEPTION BUSINESS SUIT STREET DRESS

INFORMAL POOLSIDE BARBECUE SPORT SHIRT LOUNGE DRESS

OR

STATE BANQUET BLACK TIE EVENING DRESS

MONDAY, MARCH 29

COURTESY CALL ON

PRESIDENT SHEARES BUSINESS SUIT STREET DRESS

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DEPARTURE BUSINESS SUIT STREET DRESS

6. WE ANTICIPATE THAT GOS WILL INQUIRE SOON REGARDING COM-
POSITION OF VP'S "OFFICIAL PARTY" FOR PURPOSES OF PROTOCOL.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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